



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: SCOTT G. MEIKLE

APPLICATION No.: 09/649,427

FILED: AUGUST 28, 2000

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORMING A PLANARIZING PAD  
HAVING A FILM AND TEXTURE  
ELEMENTS FOR PLANARIZATION OF  
MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES**

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**Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated October 20, 2003, in the above-identified application. Please reconsider the application based on the following remarks.